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Produced through special arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.

THE CAST

Fanny Church.....Suzanne Begley
Gardner Church.....Michael Duffy
Margaret Church.....Kim Mitchener

Place: Beacon Hill - Boston, Mass.

Act I

Scene 1: A bright spring morning

Scene 2: Two days later

Scene 3: 24 hours later

Act II

Scene 1: 3 days later

Scene 2: The last day

There will be one fifteen minute intermission.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Eric Bultman
Technical Director.....Booth Chilcutt
Scenic Designer.....Randy Abbott
Costumer.....Marge Cowles
Stage Manager.....Stephen Moses
Properties.....Krystal East, Chair
Cory Hunt, Nakee White, Joe Fratangelo
Set Construction.....Randy Abbott,
Booth Chilcutt, David Weidner
Scene Painting.....Sandy Lore
Make-up.....Melanie McLeod,
Sandy Lore
Flyer Design.....Maria Strickland
Playbill.....Quintessence Publications
Publicity.....Cecille Morrison
Box Office.....Jeannie Purdy, Chair.
Ushers.....SLT Theatre School Students

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Please no photos during the performance. No food or drink in theatre.
The concession area in the gallery will be open during intermission.

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HAROLD**
the boys

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CAST NOTES

SUZANNE BEGLEY (Fanny)- Suzanne made her SLT stage debut in Neil Simon's "Rumors" in 1995 and she played Melissa Gardner in last season's special production of "Love Letters." For the past two years Suzanne has been the editor of the SLT Newsletter BACKSTAGE and wrote most of the copy for our new brochure. Suzanne and her husband Jess own the Bed and Breakfast of Sumter.

MICHAEL DUFFY (Gardner)- Michael teaches at Bates Middle School and is one of the REACH Drama Instructors for District 17. He has been involved at SLT since the re-organization in 1987. His stage credits include roles in "Crimes of the Heart" (the 1988 production), "The Foreigner" and "Lend Me a Tenor." SLT audiences will also remember his performance in the lead role of "The Nerd." Michael dedicates his performance in "Painting Churches" to his mother.

KIM MITCHENER (Mags)- A native of Raliegh, NC- Kim transferred to Sumter 4 months ago to manage the LensCrafters in Jessamine Mall. She says one of the reasons that she accepted the position is because of our community theatre. Kim enjoys working with the "'SLT veterans' in this creative atmosphere. The positive, friendly environment allows the artistic side to emerge. I have learned something from everyone I have been in contact with here." Kim makes her stage debut as Mags.

ERIC BULTMAN (Director)- Eric has appeared in many SLT productions, both on and off stage. He is currently employed full time at SLT as the Managing/ Producing Director.

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